

Conservation, Energy, & Environment Committee (CEEC) Report
Public Health, Safety & Environment Subcommittee, December 11, 2025
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November Highlights:

1. Shred and E-recycling Day data:

Date	File Shred – paper shredded	Take2 (now EWASTE) – electronics/batteries recycled
November 8, 2025	11,400 pounds (38 bins)	3,390 pounds
May 17, 2025	12,000 pounds (40 bins)	2,719 pounds/151 pounds
November 2, 2024	11,100 pounds (37 bins)	4,012 pounds/NA
May 4, 2024	8,700 pounds (29 bins)	3,016 pounds/209 pounds
October 7, 2023	9,600 pounds (32 bins)	4,135 pounds/NA
April 29, 2023	9,900 pounds (33 bins)	4,045 pounds/NA

The November 8th event was again held at Bloomfield High School since the traffic flow there works well. Traffic enters off Crestview Drive and exits right onto Park Avenue via Huckleberry Lane/Coach Kevin Moses Way. We are able to easily accommodate a DPW truck & trailer for Bloomfield Food Pantry donations as well as both the File Shred and Take2 (now EWASTE) trucks.

We were able to accommodate all residents up until the noon close for confidential paper shredding. After having to close early at the May event, CEEC and the Town reinforced the three box requested limit in publicizing the event, and residents complied. (There is no limit for the electronics recycling.)

The CEEC appreciates all who help plan and run this event. Directors and staff from all Town Departments participate as well as citizen volunteers.

2. PACE Clean Action Energy Center Launch (November 14th)

PACE (People's Action for Clean Energy CT) hosted a (free) 3-hour conference on 11/14 to launch its Clean Energy Action Center (CEAC). CEEC member Brenda Watson facilitated a panel discussion. Several CEEC members and the Environmental Planner attended.

PACE's CEAC includes a new free tool that Towns can use to build Clean Energy Plans. This tool can be used to supplement and build on Bloomfield's Climate Emergency Energy Plan (CEEP) from December, 2022.

3. Leaf collection ordinances, leaf litter as habitat for butterfly (insect) populations –

Councilor Mahon mentioned at the October Public Health and Safety Committee meeting that a resident had emailed him asking about town ordinances/requirements around leaf pickup, both on resident and municipal property. He forwarded the resident's email to

CEEC. Lynda Laureano provided CEEC with town regulations related to leaf collection. In brief:

- Sec. 11-87. - Required separation of compostable leaf waste material and placement for removal: Residents who desire leaf removal service by the town must place the leaves (and no other material) in leaf collection paper bags, and then place those bags curbside. **Note: Residents are not required to do any of this this.**
- Sec. 11-88. - Ownership of compostable leaf waste materials: Once the paper bags are placed curbside, the leaves become the property of the town. **Note: This section states explicitly that residents can transport their own paper-bagged leaves to the town's designated composting site (which is the Windsor Transfer Station).**
- Sec. 11-89. - Penalties for violation. Any violation is punishable by a \$50 fine after citation by the director of health or a police officer.

Upcoming Events:

Trees for Bloomfield Photo Contest Reception (December 16th, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Great Room, 330 Park Ave): The Bloomfield Public Arts Commission is co-sponsoring for the first time this year. Bloomfield poet Marilyn Johnston will present a special poem as part of the program. Refreshments will be served; **RSVP by Wednesday, December 10.**